

**Ms. Spector’s Classroom Expectations**

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1. **Your ID must be** **VISIBLE** **at all times in or out of class.** **YOU ARE NOT ADMITTED TO CLASS WITHOUT AN ID unless this is your first period class.**
2. The door to the classroom remains closed unless the teacher determines otherwise. No one is allowed to open the door once the class is in session. The teacher determines who may enter or leave the classroom. This is primarily for security reasons and thus for your safety.
3. You must come prepared with the necessary materials like pens (use only pens in this class), notebook paper, and the textbook. The teacher will remind you ahead of time should you need to bring in a specific material(s). **Participation points are deducted if students do not come prepared.**
4. When the late bell rings you are in your seat and ready to work.
5. Absolutely no food (this includes snack/junk food, candy) or soft drinks are allowed in the classroom. Water is acceptable. **The teacher has the right to confiscate any of the items that are not permissible**.

6. The following should not be visible in the classroom: devices such as an i-Pod, CD player, **\***cell phone, computer game, etc. **They will be confiscated**. **Your parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted so that he/she may come to retrieve the student’s property**.

7. You will conduct yourself in a responsible, respectful, and courteous manner. This behavior is extended to the teacher and guests and also to all students in the classroom.

8. The teacher will issue a bathroom pass **ONLY** in emergencies. Those students who make it a habit to ask will have this privilege revoked. The exception to this rule is if you have a documented medical condition(s).

9**.** **Please have the parent/guardian or doctor prepare a note that informs the teacher of any medical condition(s) that require a student to leave the classroom on a regular basis. Also, please contact the nurse to advise him/her of the student’s condition. This information is highly confidential.**

**\*On occasion students will be able to use their cell phone as part of the lesson. This is with the expressed permission of the teacher; students will be monitored at all times. Students who misuse this or any other technology in the classroom will face serious consequences.**

**Course Description**

This is a survey course of American History from Reconstruction to the present. Students receive an overall picture of United States History based on chronology and learn basic knowledge of major historical concepts in the areas of economics, geography, politics, culture, and social history. At the end of the school year, students will obtain an appreciation and understanding of complex issues in American History and the society in which they live.

# Required Materials for the Classroom

Textbooks will be distributed during the first or second week of school and are to be safely kept in your possession until the conclusion of the school year. Students are required to bring their textbook everyday unless told otherwise. Students may access the textbook on line.

You will need the following materials for class:

1. Three-Ring Binder (at least 1.5 inch).
2. Dividers
3. Loose Leaf College ruled notebook paper
4. Writing Implements (Pens and pencils)
5. Portable Hole Puncher

# Binder/Notebook

You must maintain a three-ring binder/notebook. The binder is divided into five sections:

1. Section 1: References
2. Section 2: Class Activities - Objectives, Warm-Ups, Class Notes,
3. Class Handouts
4. Section 3: Homework Assignments
5. Section 4: Assessments – Quizzes, Projects, Written Assignments

**\*\*\**YOUR OBJECTIVES / WARM-UPS AND NOTES MUST BE ARRANGED BY DATE.***

***\*\*\*The teacher will evaluate the Notes section periodically.***

**Attendance**

When absent, it is the student’s responsibility to obtain the lesson material and assignment(s) related to the lesson. **Students may retrieve that information on the blog:** [**www.spectorific.blogspot.com**](http://www.spectorific.blogspot.com) **. If the student presents an excused absence note, late work and other assessments will be accepted based on the rules established in the Parkdale High School Student Handbook.**

**Homework**

**In high school students must distinguish between homework and studying; they are not one in the same. STUDENTS MUST MAKE STUDYING PART OF THEIR DAILY ROUTINE.**

# Extra Credit

**THERE IS NO extra credit!**

Unit Exams and quizzes will be announced. There may be a quick warm-up quiz at the beginning of each class.

**Academic integrity is critical. Students will not receive any credit for assignments that are plagiarized, whether they are pages from a website, portions of a textbook or story, or ideas “borrowed” from secondary or primary sources. Students caught cheating will not receive credit and be considered for disciplinary action.**

Questions regarding grading of individual assignments or course grades should be conducted outside of the class, either before or after school by appointment.

**Parents/Guardians make sure you check SCHOOLMAX (computer generated grading program) on a regular basis. You also have access to my blog and web site. The Blog and Wikispaces Web Sites are as follows:**

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***I have read the Classroom Expectations and have discussed them with my child.***

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